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SUBJECT: OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE

1. AIRLIFT INTERNATIONAL HAS REQUESTED DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING GOE AND GOS RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCES IT HAS MADE TO BOTH GOVERNMENTS. CURRENT REQUESTS MADE ON SEPTEMBER 5 FOR SEPTEMBER 10 AND 11 FLIGHTS NOT YET ANSWERED. PREVIOUS REQUESTS FOR OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE MADE ON AUGUST 28 AND SEPTEMBER 2 FOR FLIGHT PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 5 ALSO WENT UNANSWERED CAUSING AIRLIFT TO CANCEL THAT FLIGHT AND RE-SCHEDULE IT FOR THE 10TH.

2. AIRLIFT INDICATES IT SENT TELEXES TO RESPECTIVE CIVAIR AUTHORITY OF EACH COUNTRY ON SEPTEMBER 5 REQUESTING OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCES FOR SEPTEMBER 10 AND 11 FLIGHTS. IN CASE GOE OR GOS HAS NOT RECEIVED REQUESTS FROM AIRLIFT, EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE REQUEST ITSELF. FOLLOWING ARE PARTICULARS OF FLIGHTS:
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AIRCRAFT: DC8-54
REGISTRATION NUMBER: N-108RD OR N-109RD
CALL SIGN: AIRLIFT 108 OR AIRLIFT 109
NUMBER OF CREW: 4

FLIGHT PATH: SOUTHBOUND FROM DHAHRAN, SAUDI ARABIA ON

SEPTEMBER 10 VIA BG-43 TO MOMBASA, KENYA. NORTHBOUND FROM MOMBASA ON SEPTEMBER 11 VIA DB-37 AND DA-10 TO ATHENS, GREECE. AIRLIFT ESTIMATES ITS AIRCRAFT WOULD ENTER ETHIOPIAN AIRSPACE AT 0230Z ON THE 10TH, EXIT ETHIOPIAN AIRSPACE AT 0500Z ON THE 10TH; ENTER SUDANESE AIRSPACE AT 0030Z ON THE 11TH, EXIT SUDANESE AIRSPACE AT 0300Z ON THE 11TH. CARGO:EMPTY SOUTHBOUND, LIVE ANIMALS NORTHBOUND.

3. THE REQUEST OF SEPTEMBER 5 TO GOE WAS FOR SOUTHBOUND CLEARANCE ONLY. THE REQUEST TO GOS WAS FOR CLEARANCE BOTH WAYS IN ANTICIPATION OF POSSIBLE GOE REJECTION. AIRLIFT WOULD PREFER SOUTHBOUND FLIGHT OVER ETHIOPIA, BUT PREPARED GO OVER SUDAN IF NECESSARY.

4. AIRLIFT HAS INDICATED TWO AIRCRAFT SINCE IT IS UNSURE AT THIS TIME WHICH ONE OF THOSE WILL PERFORM THE FLIGHT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSIES REQUESTED OBTAIN OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCES FOR THIS FLIGHT FOR AIRLIFT INTERNATIONAL. CHRISTOPHER

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